

# St Rita's Newsletter



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## Sixth Sunday of Easter 10th May 2026 Year A

### WE ARE INVITED TO LIVE TEACHINGS OF CHRIST

On this Sixth Sunday of Easter, the Word of God invites us into the heart of Christian living: love that is alive, active, and faithful. In today's Gospel (John 14:23–29), Jesus reminds us, "Whoever loves me will keep my word." Love, then, is not just a feeling or a momentary emotion. It is a commitment to live according to Christ's teachings each day.

As we approach to the end of Easter season, Jesus also gives us a beautiful promise: we are not alone. He speaks of the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, who will teach us, guide us, and remind us of all that He has said. In moments of confusion, fear, or uncertainty, we can trust that God's Spirit is at work within us, gently leading us forward truth and peace.

"Peace, I leave with you; my peace I give to you." This peace is not like the world's peace, which is often temporary and dependent on circumstances. The peace of Christ is deep and lasting. It is rooted in trust in God, even during trials. As disciples, we are called to be bearers of this peace in our families, workplaces, and communities. The Easter Liturgy not only makes us feel the intense saving initiative of our loving God, but also the deep demands expected of us as 'resurrection people' and the inner strength we need to live up to it:

The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, shows the early Church discerning together, guided by the Holy Spirit, reminding us of the importance of unity and listening in our own faith journeys. When we stay close to God and one another, we grow stronger in faith and love.

As we reflect on God's love this weekend, we also celebrate Mother's Day. We give thanks for the gift of mothers - those who have nurtured, guided, and loved us with generosity and sacrifice. Their lives reflect God's tender and faithful love. We wish all mothers, all mother figures in our life, a very happy and blessed Mother's Day. May God continue to fill your hearts with peace, joy, and strength.

May God bless you

Fr. Joseph Kanatt mcbs

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### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Psalm: Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20

Psalm Response: R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy or Alleluia.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.  
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 14:15-21

## Event News

### *Feast Day of St Rita of Cascia*

Join us as we celebrate the Feast Day of St Rita of Cascia on **Saturday, 31st May at 9:00am Mass**. St Rita's Church, Victoria Point

We are delighted to welcome Bishop Shane Mackinlay as he joins us for this special celebration. All are welcome. Come and share in this joyful occasion with our community.

(Please be aware that on the 31<sup>st</sup>, Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am only. There will be no 7:00am Mass.)



**May Our Lady intercede for all mothers today, blessing them with joy, strength, and God's boundless love.** 🙏

### **Church of the Holy Spirit — Macleay Island** *21st Anniversary Celebration Mass*

**Sunday, 24 May 2025 at 3:30 pm**

Please join us for a special Sunday Mass to celebrate the 21st Anniversary of the opening of the Church of the Holy Spirit on Macleay Island.

All are most welcome!

Ferry times  
Russell Island departs 2:35 pm  
Redland Bay departs 2:45 pm  
Return ferry (both) 4:50 pm

A cuppa will follow Mass

### 👤 **We Need You!** 👤

Volunteers are warmly welcome to assist with hospitality on Sunday, 31st May. We also invite everyone to bring a shared plate to enjoy together.

Contact Deb Harris to register.

### **Feast Day of St Rita of Cascia**

Join us for a special **Joint School & Parish Mass on Friday, 22nd May at 9:00am** in the School Hall, as we celebrate the **Feast Day of St Rita of Cascia**.

**All parishioners and families are warmly welcome to attend.**

### **Mass & Confession Times**

#### SATURDAY

**St Rita's Church**  
Confessions — 4:15pm  
Vigil Mass 5pm

#### **Russell Island**

Confessions before Mass  
9<sup>th</sup> May 7:30am Mass Liturgy of the Word with Communion – every other Sunday at 10am

#### **Coochiemudlo Island**

Confessions before Mass 16<sup>th</sup> May  
11am Mass Liturgy of the Word with Communion – every other Saturday at 11am

#### **Macleay Island**

Confessions before Mass  
6<sup>th</sup> June 9am Mass  
Liturgy of the Word with Communion – every other Sunday at 9am

#### SUNDAY

**St Rita's Church**  
Mass 7.00am & 9.00am

#### MONDAY

**St Rita's Church**  
8:30am Rosary, 9am Mass  
Pro-Life Rosary after Mass

#### TUESDAY

**St Rita's Church**  
No Mass or Rosary

#### WEDNESDAY

**St Rita's Church**  
8:30am Rosary, 9am Mass

#### THURSDAY

**St Rita's Church**  
8:30am Rosary, 9am Mass

#### FRIDAY

**St Rita's Church**  
9am Mass & Holy Hour

#### DURING THE MONTH

Estia Health 1st Wed of Month  
Eucharist Healing Mass Wed. 13th May

### **Support Your Parish**

Our faith will sustain us through challenging times.

Please keep supporting your Parish by continuing your weekly offering if you can, either by using our periodic direct debit or credit card facility or by direct deposit.

**Our planned giving bank account details for direct deposits are as follows:**

**BSB: 064 786 Account No: 100027374 Account Name: Parish Donation - kindly reference your deposit with your surname and your planned giving number/envelope number if you have one.**

Please contact the parish office for further information on 3207 9177.

# Community Highlights

**St Vincent de Paul** meet on **1st and 3rd Mondays** of the month, at **10am in the Ruby Room. Next meetings: 18<sup>th</sup> May**



## HOSANNA PRAYER and PRAISE GROUP



VISION: Hosanna is to be vibrant Holy Spirit-guided prayer and praise group serving the church through evangelisation, worship and healing prayer.

Meets on Tuesdays at 7pm in St Rita's Church All are welcome!

## Craft & Chat Afternoon

Next Session: Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June  
Ruby room Join us!

Bring your own projects.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

**Eucharistic Adoration Every Saturday** for personal silent prayer time

**Exposition: 9.30am-3.30pm**

**Benediction: 3.30pm**

**Stay for Confession: 4:15pm**

**Vigil Mass: 5pm**



Thank you to everyone who spent time with Our Lord . As we enter a new year, we need committed Adorers for one hour per month to ensure Jesus is never left alone during Adoration (Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.-3:30p.m.).

Sign-up sheets are at the front of the church .All are welcome anytime, but the roster ensures every hour is covered.

"Could you not watch one hour with Me?" –Matthew 26:40

**Join us for our weekly Art group every Wednesday morning at 10am in the Ruby room—all skill levels and creative spirits welcome!**

## Supporting St Rita's

Dear Parishioners,  
Our beloved St Rita's needs your help. We are seeking donations for essential church maintenance and upgrades to ensure our sacred space remains welcoming and functional for years to come.  
Your generosity, no matter the amount, makes a real difference in preserving our spiritual home.

### How to Donate:

**Donation envelopes are available at the back of the church**

**Direct bank transfer:**

**BSB: 064-786**

**Account: 100027374**

**Account Name: Parish Donation Reference: Your surname**

Thank you for your continued support of our parish community.

## Parish Collection Volunteers Needed

With the Parish Finance Services team at the Archdiocesan offices taking over our recording and reporting functions, we need volunteers to count the weekly collections and bank them in Cleveland — tasks that can be performed separately if needed. Both take place each Monday: counting should take around an hour, followed by banking (including travel to and from Cleveland) within another hour. With enough volunteers, a roster will ensure no one is called on more than a couple of times a month.

If you are available most Monday mornings and would like to help, please contact our Parish Secretary, Hayley, to get started.

## PIETY STALL

Our Piety Stall is open after 5pm Mass (Saturday) and 9am Mass (Sunday). Come along and browse our range of religious goods.

A volunteer is needed to run the stall after the 7am Sunday Mass — please contact Geraldine if you can help.

## STAY CONNECTED WITH YOUR PARISH FAMILY

St Rita's is moving to a digital register to keep you better connected with parish life. By signing up, you'll receive timely updates about Mass times, events, newsletter and important announcements directly to your inbox or phone.

It takes just 2 minutes to register: Visit

[stritasparish.flocknote.com/register](http://stritasparish.flocknote.com/register) or scan the QR code below.



Stay connected. Stay informed. Stay part of our St Rita's family.

## Annual Mass Attendance Count — May 2026

During May, our parish will take part in the Archdiocesan Mass attendance count.

Thank you for your cooperation.

## 5th SUNDAY OF THE MONTH MASS MINISTRY TEAM

The weekend of 30/31 May is the Fifth Sunday of the month. The 2nd Sunday of the Month Mass Ministry Teams are asked to please minister at the Masses on the weekend of 30/31 May.

**Prayers For all those who are ill**, especially Br. Ray Ryan FSC, Denise Woosnam, Dorothy Byrnes, Helen Clarke, Mariano Molina, Claire Douglas, Keith Douglas, Miles Muscroft, Sebastian Ricca, Elaine Prestney, Maddy Brown, Lucas Bernal, Annette Doherty, Alfio Tomarchio, Chris Venter, Fr Jim Browne, Alan Williamson, Helen Stockwell, Marlie Meehan, Denise Fowler, Emma Heinrich, Paul Trubody, Jela Cicak, Matthew Scott, and those who seek healing in their lives and for all those who care for them.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** We pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time especially Kathleen Berton, Thomas Berton & Colleen Ashe.

**DECEASED:** We commend our deceased to the loving care of the Lord.



## Feast Days of May

Tuesday, May 12

- Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs
- St. Pancras, Martyr
- Tuesday of the Sixth Week of Easter

Wednesday, May 13

- Our Lady of Fatima
- Wednesday of the Sixth Week of Easter

Thursday, May 14

- The Ascension of the Lord (SOLEMNITY)
- St. Matthias, Apostle (feast) -

Friday, May 15

- St. Isidore the Farmer (optional memorial)
- Friday of the Sixth Week of Easter

## Pope's Monthly Intention for May

That everyone might have food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all. This policy applies to Clergy, Religious, Staff, Parishioners, Volunteers, Students on placement and Visitors to our sites.

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